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CLOSURE OF ATOMIC POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of working and non-working power generation units of Rajasthan Atomic Power Projects in Rawatbhata during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government proposes to compensate the loss suffered due to closure of power projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to construct new power generation plants in Rajasthan;and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the sites identified for the purpose and funds allocated in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE AND MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Unit-1 of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station has been shut down in October 2004 for detailed assessment of its health and techno economic evaluation for its refurbishment.Unit-2 was in operation till July, 2007 when En masse Feeder Replacement work, as a part of its Renovation and Modernisation, was taken up. This has been completed and unit is ready for fuel loading.Units-3 & 4 are in operation.Units-5&6 are in advanced stages of completion.

(b)&(c) Non-availability of RAPS-1&2 has been one of the factors in fixing the allocation to Rajasthan from other Central Generating Stations including Nuclear Power Reactos - RAPS-3&4 and Narora Atomic Power Station, NAPS-1&2.Rajasthan has an allocation of about 36% of a total capacity of RAPS-3&4 (440 MWe) which is being supplied at same tariff as that of RAPS-2.

(d)&(e) XI Plan proposals envisage commencement of work on two more reactors of 700 MWe each also at Rawatbhata in Rajasthan.The site is already approved in principle by the Government.The project is yet to be sanctioned.